

Economic Exploitation of Muslims in Western Punjab: Noon Demands Strong Action

LAHORE, Thursday.

MALIK FIROZE KHAN, in a Press interview on return from a week's tour of the western Punjab said that in his tour, which was conducted mainly to revitalise the trade instinct among the Muslims and open a net-work of Muslim shops in villages he was shocked to see that wheat (controlled commodity) was still not available to the Muslims and they were forced to buy it from the black-marketeers at Rs. 20 per maund.

This was particularly true in Shahpur, Bhalwal, Bhera and Sargodha where scores of Muslim families were living on gram and bajra diet.

Malik Firoze Khan added: "This economic exploitation of the Mussalmans in rural areas may have serious repercussions and the Government should immediately take adequate measures to stop this exploitation, which may sabotage the communal peace at any moment."

Suggesting measures to checkmate this danger Malik Firoze Khan said: "The Government besides exercising strict vigilance over the present food distributing scheme and infliction of heavy punishment on the black-marketeers, should give licences to the Mussalmans in the rural areas to open grain shops and to sell controlled articles."

Malik Firoze Khan said that the Muslim rural population had warmly responded to the appeal for Bihar Relief Fund. The individual collection from Shahpur alone was so far over Rs. 14,000.—API.

Foreign Delegates to Science Congress Arrive in Delhi

NINETEEN foreign delegates to the Indian Congress arrived in New Delhi by a specially chartered plane at 1 p.m. on Thursday.

They include from the United Kingdom: Sir Harold Spencer Jones, Professor P. S. M. Blackett, Sir D'Arcy Thompson, Professor W. Brown, Professor L. T. Mordell, Professor Munro Fox, Sir Charles Darwin, Sir Arthur Fleming, Professor Dudley Stamp and Dr. Harold Moore. From Canada: Professor R. B. Thomson, Dr. W. F. Hanna, Dr. T. L. Tanton. From the United States: Mr. Albert F. Blackler, Dr. W. Edwards Deming, Dr. Newton Harvey, Dr. Oscar Riddle and from France Professor and Mrs. Hadnard.

They were received at Willington airport by Sir Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar the Hon'ble George Merrel, United States Charge d'Affaires, and representatives from the External Affairs Department and the Office of the British High Commissioner. Sir Cyril Jones, Finance Secretary to the Government of India came to receive his brother, Sir Harold Jones.

The Russian delegates are expected to arrive on Friday.—API.

FREE ARABIC CLASSES TO BE STARTED

By A Correspondent

In view of the extreme importance of the Arabic language as far as Muslim religion and culture is concerned the Religious and Cultural Section of the Delhi Muslim Educational Association intends to start Sunday classes in Arabic. No fee will be charged. The classes will start at about 11 or 12 in the day on Sundays and will be of an hour and a half's duration. The location of centres will depend upon the number of students from each locality.

Modern teaching methods will be employed and it is expected that students will be able to understand the Holy Quran in less than a year's time. Interested persons may write to the Secretary, Delhi Muslim Educational Association, Head Office, Arabic School, Ajmeri Gate, Delhi, who will send full details.

MUSLIM EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

A general meeting of the Association will be held on Sunday, January 5, 1947 at 10-30 a.m. in the Ajmeri Gate (Arabic) School under the presidency of Khan Mohd. Yamin Khan, Deputy Speaker, Central Assembly.

- Agenda**
1. Recitation from the Holy Quran.
 2. Proceedings of the last meeting.
 3. Consideration of the report on the constitution of the Association.
 4. Election of office-bearers.
 5. Any other item with the permission of the Chairman.

Suhrawardy Invited to Karachi

CALCUTTA, Thursday. **M**R. H. S. SUHRAWARDY, the Bengal Premier, has been requested by Mr. M. A. Jinnah, the President of the All-India Muslim League, to discuss certain important matters with him at Karachi. Mr. Suhrawardy is expected to leave for Karachi by air on Sunday morning.—OPI.

Bengal Govt. to Spend 10 Lakhs For Muslim Education

CALCUTTA, Thursday. **T**HE Government of Bengal will spend annually rupees 10 lakhs for the education of poor but deserving Muslim students.

The Education Minister of Bengal, Mr. Syed Nazim-ud-Din Hossain revealed this in an address at Kuliarchar (Mymensingh) last week. He said that poverty was one of the main causes of educational backwardness of the Muslims and to remedy this a lump provision was being made by the Bengal Government.—API.

'Indian Problems Will be Solved' Hopes U Saw

RANGOON, Thursday. **U** SAW, former Premier of Burma, who returned here from Calcutta after his successful eye-operation, told API today: "I hope and pray that under the leadership of Mr. Gandhi and Mr. Jinnah, India will achieve national solidarity and that brotherly relations will be restored between the two major communities of the country—Hindus and Muslims."

He said "the problems involved, I know, are formidable, but I cannot see why they should not be solved."

U. Saw, who returned in response to an urgent telegram from the Government of Burma, Sir Hubert Rance, said: "I am extremely grateful to everyone that I met in Calcutta, especially the doctors, nurses and hospital authorities who were so kind and nice to me. While in India, I met some prominent political leaders as well as several well-known businessmen and I was tremendously impressed by the enormous progress that was being achieved by India—in politics, economy, science and industries."—API.

READY TO JOIN BURMA DELEGATION

RANGOON, Thursday: It is now almost certain that the former Premier, U Saw, who is leader of the Myochit (lover of Nation) Party and Education Member of the present Executive Council, will join the Burmese Delegation going to London early next week.

U Saw, who returned from Calcutta told API today "my health is now definitely better. I am fit to proceed to London if my Party wants me."

The decision of the Myochit Party regarding the British Government's invitation is expected after tomorrow's emergency meeting of the Party's Working Committee.—API.

Hyderabad Assembly to be Inaugurated on Feb. 1

ARRANGEMENTS are being made to inaugurate the Legislative Assembly under the new reforms scheme on February 1, 1947.

The Town Hall in the public gardens is being remodelled to convert it into the Assembly Hall till the permanent buildings are constructed. Government have provisionally sanctioned Rs. 2 lakhs for remodelling the Town Hall and equip it with furniture.

Rules of procedure, which are generally based on the Central Assembly, are being compiled and are expected to be issued to the public by the last week of January.

In response to a notification various public organisations have submitted records and have also submitted a panel of names for Government selection for nomination to the Assembly. There are 56 nominated seats in a House of 132 and this includes ten members of the Executive Council and three nominated by the H.S.H. the Nizam to present the Sarkhas (Nizam's own Estate).—API.

Congress Must Accept Dec. 6 Interpretation

—J. J. SINGH

A SUGGESTION that the Congress ought to accept the May 16 Paper including the British interpretation of December 6 with regard to the Group constitutions, was made by Mr. J. J. Singh, President of the India League in America, addressing a Press conference in Lahore today.

Mr. Singh said: "I think the Congress without compromising on the issue of the sovereignty of the provinces can recommend to the provinces in Sections B and C not only to sit in the Sections but also co-operate in the framing of the Group constitutions."

Mr. Singh added: "If Assam fails to evolve a fair Group constitution and if Assam feels that grievous wrong and harm has been done to it, it would then be the time for Assam not to participate in framing of the Group constitution and not only to walk out but declare that it would fight to death for its rights."

Mr. Singh concluded: "Once the Congress accepts the May 16 Paper and Mr. Jinnah still remains intransigent the world opinion including that of the United States Government will be on the side of the Congress and against the Muslim League."

Mr. J. J. Singh was sorry to say that both the Government and the people of the United States today thought that the Congress was not being magnanimous or charitable. The United States Government and those Americans who are interested enough to follow the day-to-day political developments in India feel, said Mr. Singh, that Congress is in the wrong. They say that after all the Muslim League did accept the May 16 Paper even though this Paper did not grant Muslim Leaguers demand for Pakistan.—API.

Frontier Congress Discusses Grouping Issue

PESHAWAR, Thursday. **A** MEETING of the Working Committee of the Frontier Provincial Congress Committee was held in camera today for about six hours.

Just after the meeting this evening, the President of the Provincial Congress Committee, Khan Ameer Mohd. Khan, told the Press that the meeting discussed the attitude to be adopted by the Frontier towards "grouping". The decision arrived at has been kept as a secret.

Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan addressing the meeting gave his personal views in light of the British Government statement of December 6 and the discussions he had with different Congress leaders at Delhi recently.

The members, after some discussing, unanimously agreed with the viewpoint of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan which is not known to anybody.

PATEL INDISPOSED

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who returned to Delhi today is reported to be suffering from malarial fever and is confined to bed. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru called on him, and later the Congress President, Acharya Kripalani visited him.—API.

GANDHI STARTS FOR VILLAGE-TO-VILLAGE TOUR

CHANDPUR, Thursday. **M**R. GANDHI arrived at Chandpur, the first village on the chart of his tour programme, at 9 a.m. thus covering a distance of little over two and a half miles in one hour and 25 minutes.

Eight armed police guards accompanied Mr. Gandhi who, however, disapproved of being provided with such escorts.

Addressing the prayer congregation yesterday Mr. Gandhi referred to the termination of his stay in Srirampur and his starting for village-to-village tour, which began this morning. He said that during his stay in Srirampur, where he arrived on November 20 last, he had been shown the best of hospitality by the villagers as well as the inmates of the house he was dwelling in.—API.

AUSTRALIA ALL OUT FOR 365: ENGLAND HITS UP 147 FOR ONE

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

AUSTRALIA were all out in their first innings for 365 runs. England had made 147 for one at the close of play today; Washbrook batting 54, Edrich batting 85.

This third test is proving the best of the series because England are putting up a grand fight unlike Brisbane and Sydney the struggle has so far been evenly fought with mastery passing from one side to the other.

Australian spectators no doubt gained more excitement from McCool's century in a crisis than either of the two big innings by Bradman or Barnes double century. This was true cricket today with McCool and Edrich willing to make strokes regardless of the tenacity of the situation.

There are four days to go, however, and many surprises can be expected before the issues will be decided.

England's main chance is to build up a big lead so that they do not leave themselves too big a task in the final knock on a possibly worn wicket. Today they scored 147 for the loss of one wicket only, after losing their opening batsman Hutton when eight. This leaves them 218 runs behind Australia's first innings score of 365.

Edrich was praised for his all-round cricket at Sydney and here he promises to excel that great effort.

In spite of his severe leg injury on New Year's day, Edrich with his first ball broke that menacing McCool-Tallon stand and in 11 overs captured three of Australia's outstanding wickets.

England were in a precarious position when Hutton fell to McCool off Lindwall to McCool off Lindwall's bowling, but Edrich was to the rescue contributing a valuable 85, and with Washbrook, was still batting at close today.

He never allowed any Australian bowler to worry him though Bradman did his utmost by frequent changes in attack, varied in pace, light and spin to unsettle him. The secret of Edrich's success was the manner in which he never erred in deciding whether to advance or retreat. Generally he went forward to drive or smother a break defensively. He proved himself a master bat. His drives were superlatively chosen placed and struck with tremendous power, and when he went forward it was always to the pitch of the ball. He was never left groping for a good length ball.

By contrast, Washbrook proved a master of back play, most of his runs coming from strokes behind the wicket. Although a junior partner to Edrich, he never allowed himself to be upset by any ball that beat him. Edrich and Washbrook have set an example to the remaining batsmen. Their stand should inspire Compton, Hammond, Ikin and Yardley for the middle batsmen are the real backbone on whom England must rely for that mammoth total they so desperately need for a chance of victory.

The value of McCool to Australia is incalculable. He may yet rank with some of the greatest all rounders the game has produced.

McCool is peculiarly built. He is stocky with remarkably high square shoulders which give his forcing strokes great power.

In many ways his batting resembles McCabe.

Compared with their sterling bowling on the opening day, Bedser, Wright and Yardley looked rather ordinary but they did a big job on Wednesday and were probably suffering from after effects.—Reuter.

Afghans Have Full Sympathy With Indian Muslims

(By 'Dawn' Correspondent)

PESHAWAR, Thursday. **N**OOBUL MASHAIKH SHOOB NAZZA Sahib, a prominent Pir of Afghanistan left Peshawar for Sarhind Sharif by the Frontier Mail today. He told me in reply to a question that Pakistan was the only solution of the disturbances in India. "Indian Muslims can achieve this goal," he continued "by following the principles of Islam" Muslims of Afghanistan have got great sympathy with Muslims in India.

STUDENTS' CONFERENCE

The 10th Annual Conference of the All-India Students' Federation will be inaugurated in Delhi in Gandhi Ground on Friday, at 3 p.m. Mr. Mrinal Kanti Bose, President, All-India Trade Union Congress will inaugurate the Conference. A procession will start from Gandhi Ground at 1 p.m.

Nearly 1,300 delegates have already arrived in Delhi. A fraternal delegation, numbering 40 has also come from Muslim University, Aligarh.

SCORE BOARD

AUSTRALIANS (1st Innings)

Morris, lbw b Bedser
Barnes lbw b Bedser
Hassett c Hammond b Wright
Bradman b Yardley
Johnson lbw b Yardley
Miller c Evans b Wright
McCool (not out)
Tallon c Evans b Edrich
Lindwall b Bedser
Dooland c Hammond b Edrich
Toshak c Hutton b Edrich
Extras

Total

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Voce	10	2	40	0
Bedser	31	4	90	2
Wright	26	2	124	0
Yardley	29	4	50	1
Edrich	10.3	2	50	1

ENGLAND (1st Innings)

Hutton c McCool b Lindwall
Washbrook (not out)
Edrich (not out)
Extras

Total (for 1 wk)

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Lindwall	8	0	29	0
Miller	7	0	18	0
Toshak	11	1	9	0
McCool	8	0	29	0
Dooland	7	2	1	0
Joones	5	1	14	0

Cooch Bihar Trophy Won by Sind

SIND won the All-India Schools Cricket Tournament final by defeating Bombay by 82 runs.

Final scores:
Sind, 24 and 186 (Joegsia 5 for 28), Dongre two for 50, Bombay 128 and 217 (Abdullah Khan 7 for 50, Ram 3 for 33, Decunha two 45).

Mr. L. R. Sethi, Superintendent of Education, Delhi Province, at the conclusion of the match presented the Cooch Bihar Trophy to Sind.—API.

ALLAHABAD UNDER CONTROL

LUCKNOW, Thursday: Mr. Jagan Prasad Rawat, Parliamentary Secretary to the Home Minister, U.P., who returned to Lucknow yesterday from Allahabad said in an interview that the situation there was now calm and well under control. He declared that Government had decided to take severe steps against the aggressors and mischief-makers irrespective of community or status.—API.

GURKHA CHOWKIDAR KILLED IN DELHI

A Gurkha chowkidar, named Bahadur Singh, was murdered on New Year night in Charkhawala in the heart of Delhi city. He is reported to have been attacked with khukhri by another Gurkha chowkidar, Siam Lal, of the same locality. The latter has been arrested by the police under Section 302 I.P.C. (murder).

It is stated that a quarrel arose between the two chowkidars on duty's shift.—API.

LATE NEWS

Viet-Nam President Asks for Personal Meeting

SAIKON, Thursday. **P**RESIDENT. HO CHI MINH of the fugitive Viet-Nam Nationalist Government has asked French Colonial Minister, Marius Moutet for a personal meeting to discuss means of ending hostilities in Northern Indonesia, the Viet-Nam Radio said.

The President broadcast New Year's greetings to the French people "in the name of the Viet-Nam people" over his Government's clandestine radio station.—APA.